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INDONESIA

I. President Sukarno is midway on his two-month world tour, which has taken him to such disparate places as Turkey, Poland, Scandinavia, USSR, The Vatican, Argentina and Brazil.

A. Although Sukarno got red carpet on unofficial visit to USSR, he and Khrushchev reported cool to each other.

1. Sukarno never mentioned Khrushchev in toasts, and this became so obvious that Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio had to propose toast of his own to Khrushchev.

2. Khrushchev probably irritated over 1945 constitution plans which could be used to suppress Indonesian Communist Party.

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III. Back home, Constituent Assembly wrangling over latest Sukarno "guided democracy" concept--adoption of 1945 constitution, which would increase executive powers, diminish those of parliament.

A. Balance of forces is such that two-thirds majority for or against constitution may not be achieved, thus bogging down Assembly in typical Indonesian stalemate.

B. Should this happen, numerous reports suggest army will take action to dissolve Assembly and proclaim 1945 constitution by decree.

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1. Both army and political leaders claim critical period is likely next week, but none is willing to predict outcome.

IV. Attacks by dissidents continue against estate area in North Sumatra in effort obstruct or paralyze production and deny revenues to Djakarta treasury.

A. One target is Goodyear's 40,000 acre Wingfoot estate, one of largest in world.

1. Prime Minister Djuanda told US Ambassador early May additional troops would be sent to Sumatra but gave no date.

2. North Sumatran army commander admits he unable provide estate security and suggests Wingfoot give funds for training and pay of additional troops to guard estate.



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